

THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE A NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR TEST PARTICIPANTS THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

Weekly testing for COVID-19 helps keep students and their families safe and healthy. It also keeps school administrations and parents informed about the health of the student body and helps our schools stay open.

That's why we're offering an easier and more effective incentive system for the 2022–2023 school year.

- Your school will help you register through the Safer, Smarter Schools COVIDSafe Portal. With this permission, weekly COVID-19 tests will be provided at your school—free of charge.
- During registration, you (or a parent/guardian of a minor) will provide a consent to test and an address that the Safer, Smarter Schools program will use to send an incentive card. With this registration and consent, you will be eligible to test weekly for COVID-19 at your school.
- Eligible participants who test ten (10) times between August and December 2022 will qualify for a gift card with a minimum dollar amount of \$100.
- Participants will be able to continue in the program and test another ten (10) times from January until May 2023—still free to gualify for another incentive card.
- Incentive cards will only be mailed out twice during the 2022–2023 school year, once in December 2022 and once in May 2023.
- The more you test, the more chance you have for more incentives!
- IMPORTANT!! Please make sure your address is current in the portal. This is the address to which the incentive card will be
 mailed. If you have a change of residence, please update your address in the CovidSafe portal to assure the incentive card is
 mailed to the correct address. Once you receive an incentive card, you will need to activate it by calling the number on the card.

The goal of the Safer, Smarter, Schools program is to keep our students healthy and our schools open. Thank you for helping to make that happen, let's keep it up.

Good luck this school year!

Questions can be sent to: *k*-12covidtesting@la.gov 877-356-1511

